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**KENNEDY ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF ENDA**

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy released the following statement in response to the passage by the United States House of Representatives of the Employment Non- Discrimination Act.

“Although the House bill is narrower than we had hoped, the House’s approval of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act is a major step in the journey toward equality toward full civil rights for the entire gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. The House has clearly recognized the basic injustice of job discrimination based on sexual orientation. No one should face discrimination in the workplace because of who they are. I look forward to taking up this issue in the Senate so that we can finally ensure that no American finds the doors of opportunity locked shut by prejudice and bigotry.”

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